Department including delivery of unregistered postal articles and notices to the local residents.

(iv) Delivery of registered and insured mail will continue to be done by the post office through its own extra-departmental delivery agents or other officials as at present. The dak sewak will also not be entrusted with booking or payment of money orders so that there are no accounting formalities involved in his work.

(v) The dak sewak will be attached to an existing post office from whom he will receive a suitable imprest of postage stamps and stationery. The imprest will be replenished as and when necessary on the sewak depositing the requisite cash. It is to this post office that the dak sewak will bring mail collected by him on a day to day basis for onward despatch and also receive the mail for delivery to residents of his gram panchayat, if required to do so.

(vi) The dak sewak will function from the panchayat Bhavan or other public place set apart by the gram panchayat for the purpose. A letter box will invariably be provided at the premises which will be opened by the dak sewak day-to-day and contents taken to the designated post office.

Price of Diphanhydramin Hcl.

3702. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main criteria adopted by Kelkar Committee for exclusion of drugs is competitive structure and sales turn over less than rupees fifty lakhs;

(b) if so, what are the details of exclusion criteria on which Diphanhydramin Hcl was recommended for price decontrol while the trun-over is more than the above amount and is being produced by three producers;

(c) whether it is a fact Banadryl range of formulations which are based on this drug have monopoly and dominance in market share;

(d) if so, what is the definition of monopoly and dominance taken by Kelkar Committee along with the market share of Banadryl formulations and in what respect the definition differes from MRTP;

(e) whether it is a fact that producers have increased the price of Diphanhydramin Hcl. by 83.8 per cent; and

(f) if so, what was the earlier price and what is the present price alongwith the basis on which the price was increased?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Kelkar Committee adopted the following exclusion criteria for identifying Category II drugs:

(i) Exclude those drugs which are not produced in India, provided that the consumption is not significant either or in the near future.

(ii) To exclude those drugs the turn over of which has been less than rupees fifty lakhs in 1986.

(iii) To exclude all new drugs for which process of manufacture were developed indigenously from the price control list at least for the first 5 years.

(iv) To exclude those life-saving drugs and pharmaceutical products whose availability is far more important than the price. As the nature of demand is such that it is required less frequently but its non-availability is fatal. The notable examples of such categories are sera and vaccines.

(v) Exclude those pharmaceutical products of drugs where the domestic production structure is so competitive that there is little possibility that the consumers will be over-charged compared to the cost of production.

(b) Diphenhydramine was excluded from price control on 'exclusion alternative' criteria according to which drugs produced by at least 5 producers of bulk drugs and

10 producers of formulations and no monopoly could be established should be decontrolled.

(c) and (d) Market share of formulations are not monitored by the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals.

(e) and (f) To the extent information is available, M/s. Parke Davis have increased the price of Diphanhydramine by 83.8% (i.e.) from Rs. 229.78 per kg. to Rs. 422.35 per kg.

Production and import of pesticides

3703. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to manufacture or import zenpropathin Methomyl and tridophos pesticides and to regulate the usage of synthetic pyrethroids; to protect cotton crop from heliothis, bukworm, whitfly and other pests; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Drugs required under National Health Programmes

3704. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the drugs in various National Health Programmes recommended for inclusion in Category-I by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare;

(b) what are the names of the drugs which have been included in Category-I;

(c) what are the names of the drugs which have not been included and what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the increase in prices of drugs which have not been included in DPCO, 1987 after the promulgation of the Order?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare recommended the drugs, included in Category I of DPCO, 1987 and Seras and Vaccines for inclusion in Category I.

(b) All drugs recommended by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare are included in Category I of DPCO. 1987 except seras and vaccines.

(c) Various seras and vaccines recommended by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for inclusion in Category I have been kept out of price control under DPCO, 1987 as recommended by Kelkar Committee.

(d) As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987, the manufacturers of non-scheduled formulations are free to revise the prices. However, Government is keeping a watch and has intervened wherever found necessary.

Establishment of Rural Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

3705. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the establishment of Rural Telephone Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the names of the districts in Andhra Pradesh in which Rural Telephone Excanges will be set up; and

(c) the funds allocated by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Requisite information is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below).

(c) Rs. 75 lakhs approximately.